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- (b) No.
- (c) Annual returns of landed property or interest in landed property possessed by them are submitted by the three classes of officers. Periodical inquiries are made regarding relatives of district munsifs but not about their debts within their jurisdiction. No special inquiries are made in the case of deputy collectors or tahsildars.
- (d) Yes, so far as information is available.

Criminal Justice.

Alleged communal troubles in Maruthavakudi.

* 7 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that two criminal cases have recently been filed in the Tiruvadamardur Sub-Magistrate's Court, Kumbakonam taluk, one by the Adi-Dravidas of Maruthavakudi against the caste people of the same village and the other by the caste people against the Adi-Dravidas;

(b) whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus of Maruthavakudi unlawfully prevented Adi-Dravidas from driving carts through the public street of the said caste Hindus;

(c) whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus took the earliest opportunity and lodged a complaint alleging that a cart belonging to Adi-Dravidas ran over a kid which subsequently died;

(d) whether the police knew anything about the matter; and

(e) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (d), whether they will be pleased to call for the same?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to intervene, on the facts implied in the question as to matters which are now before the courts.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know whether the incident mentioned in clause (b), viz., whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus of Maruthavakudi unlawfully prevented Adi-Dravidas from driving carts through the public street of the caste Hindus, is also before the court?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Various allegations and counter-allegations have been made to the authorities who are making a judicial investigation at the present moment, and therefore it is that the Government cannot say anything more definitely."

Irrigation.

Applications for water in the villages under the Periyar system.

* 8 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the information required with regard to question No. 584, dated 27th March 1925, regarding applications for water in the villages of the Periyar system has been obtained and, if so, whether the hon. Member will be pleased to lay it on the table;